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SUBJ: CRUISE SHIPS IN BEIRUT HARBOR

REF: BEIRUT 4647

1. DEPTOFF TELEPHONED BARRY LAMPERT, VICE PRESIDENT,
WHOLESALE TOURS INTERNATIONAL UPON RECEIPT REFTEL. LAMPERT
CONFIRMED WHOLESALE DECISION" TEMPORARILY" CANCEL CRUISE
SHIPS CALLS BEIRUT. HE SAID DECISION BASED ON FOLLOWING:
(A) OUTBURSTS INCITING ARABS TO " KILL AMERICANS" CARRIED
BY ALGIERS VOICE OF PALESTINE AS REPORTED IN U. S. MEDIA;
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(B) INVECTIVE AGAINST U. S. IN UNSC;

(C) 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN INSURANCE RATES FOR SHIPS
ENTERING PORT OF BEIRUT;

(D) REFUSAL OF GREEK SHIPOWNERS TO PERMIT THEIR CRUISE
VESSELS TO ENTER PORT OF BEIRUT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES;
AND

(E) " WARNING" ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO U. S. CITS
ADVISING THEM TO " POSTPONE" TRAVEL TO BEIRUT FOR TIME
BEING.

2. RE POINT E ABOVE, WE HAVE RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES FROM
INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING TRAVEL TO BEIRUT BY SUGGESTING THAT
THEY " MIGHT CONSIDER POSTPONING THEIR TRAVEL UNTIL THE
SECURITY SITUATION IN LEBANON CLARIFIES." WHOLESALE TOURS

ACTION IN TEMPORARILY CANCELLING CRUISE SHIPS CALLS
BEIRUT WAS NOT TAKEN AS RESULT DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION,
BUT WE HAVE TOLD THEM WE THINK THEIR DECISION PRUDENT
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. PORTER

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